(*c*) whether an estimate has been prepared for the construction of a good road;

(*d*) if so, the estimated amount?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. Two alternative estimates have been prepared.

(*d*) Rs. 4,710 and Rs. 5,810.

MR. K. G. BASAPPA (Kumsi—Rural).—

Q.—169. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) since how long is the question of constructing an *anecut* across the Seegehalla in Shankergudda in Kumsi Taluk under the consideration of Government;

(*b*) whether a survey has been conducted and estmate prepared for the *anecut*; if so, when;

(*c*) the number of representations and questions that have been sent up for discussion in the Representative Assembly for the past so many years in regard to construction of the *anecut* (the particular sessions and the names of movers to be furnished);

(*d*) the reason for the difference in the estmated cost of the project which was stated to be Rs. 90,000 in the June Session of 1937 and Rs. 1,20,000 in the last June Session (June 1941);

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the people of Kumsi and Honnali taluks have repeatedly appealed to the Government for the last many years in the matter of constructing an *anecut*;

(*f*) if so, the main reasons for such a delay;

(*g*) whether the people of Kumsi Sub-Taluk have not agreed to pay the contribution;

(*h*) whether it is not a fact that water can be taken on from the *anecut via* Ayanur Gowdanakere to feed the Benevalli, Mysavalli, Haranahalli, Mudaval, Yedaval, Yerekoppa, Tyajavalli, Byranakoppa, Ramnagara and Mallepura tanks in Kumsi Sub-taluk (it may be intimated after due inspection which of the tanks in Kumsi Sub-taluk will be so fed from Gowdanakere);

(*i*) whether it will be possible to undertake the construction of this project next year itself, after the execution of a mutchalika from the raiyats of the place if they are prepared to pay the contribution that may be imposed on them?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) Since 1935.

(*b*) Detailed surveys have not yet been conducted. A preliminary rough estimate amounting to Rs. 1,20,600 has been prepared in 1939.

(*c*) No definite period is indicated in the question. Information is however furnished in respect of the past three years.

Interpellation one—by Mr. K. G. Basappa in the Budget Session of June 1941.

Representations three—by Messrs. K. G. Basappa and Siva Rudrappa in the Budget and Dasara Sessions of the years 1939; by Mr. J. Siva Rudrappa in the Dasara Session of 1940.

(*d*) The preliminary project was modified after inspection by the Superintending Engineer so as to provide for sufficient length of feeder channel and to restore 35 tanks fed by this project.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The atchkatdars of Shimoga taluk did not execute mutchalikas agreeing to pay the required contribution earlier.

(*g*) Atchkatdars of 17 tanks have executed mutchalikas The atchkatdars of two tanks have stated that they have adequate supply even now and that they can pay a contribution of Rs. 10 only per acre.

(*h*) Detailed surveys will be necessary to find out if the tanks referred to can be fed from the proposed *anecut*.

A statement showing the tanks that can be benefited in Kumsi Sub-taluk is appended.

(*i*) Preparation of the detailed project is being expedited. Action will be taken in the matter as early as possible.

PATEL HALAPPA (Harihar—Rural).—

Q.—170. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether has been a survey regarding the extent of indebtedness of the raiyats in the State ; if so, the amount of indebtedness ;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken up any measures to remove the indebtedness ; if so, what they are ; whether the raiyats have been benefited by such measures ?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasakta* B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

A.—(*a*) No. regular survey of the whole State has been held. The Agriculturists' Relief Committee appointed in 1934 have roughly estimated the total indebtedness at about 35 crores of rupees.

(*b*) The following are some of the measures which have been adopted :—

(1) Expansion of the Co-operative Movement and establishment of Land Mortgage Banks
(2) Enactment of the Agriculturists' Relief Act and the Money-Lenders Act.
(3) Passing of the Debt Conciliation Act and the establishment of Debt Conciliation Boards.
(4) Grant of takavi and land improvement loans.
(5) Establishment of Marketing Societies.
(6) Supply of manure, improved varieties of seeds, etc., by the Agricultural Department.

MR. B. D'SOUZA (Indian Christian).—

Q.—172. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) (i) the number of official witnesses examined in all the criminal courts during, the year 1940–41, and

(ii) the amount of batta paid to them ;

(*b*) (i) the number of non-official witnesses examined in all the criminal courts during the year 1940–41, and

(ii) the amount of batta paid to them ;

(*c*) the probable amount of money that will be required to pay batta to all non-official witnesses in criminal cases ;